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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16 (*Canceled*)

17. (*currently amended*) A perfumed detergent tablet, the tablet comprising a clay mineral compound, ~~and a heavy metal ion sequestrant~~ and a perfume composition that is substantially free of Schiff base.

18. (*previously presented*) A perfumed detergent tablet according to Claim 17, wherein said tablet further comprises a coating.

19. (*currently amended*) A tablet according to Claim ~~18~~ 17, wherein the clay mineral compound is present in the coating ~~in as particles that have~~ having a size below 75µm diameter.

20. (*previously presented*) A tablet according to Claim 17, wherein the tablet is a softening tablet.

21. (*currently amended*) A tablet according to Claim 18, wherein the coating comprises an organic phosphonate ~~the heavy metal ion sequestrant[[,]] and more preferably a heavy metal ion sequestrant selected from organic phosphonates, preferably selected from alkali metal ethane 1 hydroxy diphosphonates, diethylene triamine penta (methylene phosphonate), and mixtures thereof.~~

22. (*cancel*)

23. (*currently amended*) A tablet according to Claim 17, wherein the perfume composition is free of perfume ~~ingredients~~ ingredient mixtures selected from the group consisting of Methyl Anthranilate and HydroxyCitronellal; Methyl Anthranilate and Methyl Nonyl Acetaldehyde; Methyl Anthranilate and PT Bucinal; Methyl anthranilate and Lyrall; Methyl Anthranilate and Ligustral; and mixtures thereof.

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24. *(previously presented)* A tablet according to Claim 18, wherein the coating further comprises an acid having a melting temperature of at least 40°C.

25. *(previously presented)* A tablet according to Claim 24, wherein the acid having a melting temperature of at least 40°C has a crystallized structure.

26. *(previously presented)* A tablet according to Claim 25, wherein the acid forming the crystallized structure is a dicarboxylic acid.

27. *(previously presented)* A tablet according to Claim 18, wherein the coating consists essentially of adipic acid.

28. *(previously presented)* A tablet according to Claim 18, wherein the coating further comprises a component which is liquid at 25°C.

29. *(previously presented)* A tablet according to Claim 18, wherein the coating further comprises reinforcing fibers.

30. *(currently amended)* A tablet according to Claim 17, ~~wherein the detergent composition~~ further comprising comprises a flocculating agent.

Claims 31 and 32. *(canceled)*